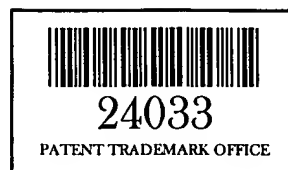


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Serial No.: 09/894,413)
Filed: June 28, 2001)
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FOR USING OBJECT IN DATA STORES)
DURING EXECUTION OF A)
WORKFLOW)

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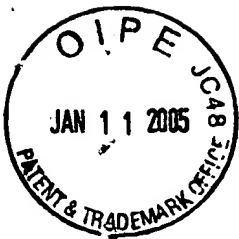
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final office action dated October 4, 2004 ("Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected certain claims as indefinite (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2) and rejected all pending claims 1-36 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(b)). Applicants have amended certain claims to overcome the indefiniteness rejection and traverse the prior art rejection. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-36 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants note that the Examiner did not indicate review and initialize the references listed in the Form 1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) mailed on Dec. 13, 2001, which PAIR shows as entered on Jan. 3, 2002. Applicants request that the Examiner review and initial to indicate review the references cited in the previously submitted IDS and Form 1449, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page .

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.